

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended as supported by the translation of the Japanese priority document.

Claims 12 has been amended as supported at page 9, lines 3-8 of the specification of the Japanese priority document (see the translation).

Claims 17 and 19 have been amended as supported at page 10, lines 16 to 17 of the specification of the Japanese priority document (see the translation).

Claim 18 has been amended as supported at page 10, lines 14 and 15 of the specification of the Japanese priority document (see the translation).

Since Claims 12 and 17-19 have been amended to as supported by the Japanese priority document, Tomita no longer qualifies as prior art reference and the rejections should be withdrawn.

The rejection of the Claims as being indefinite have been obviated by the amendment of Claims 1 and 11.

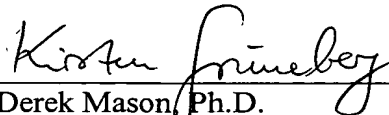
Further, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the provisional double patenting rejections if it is the only issue remaining in one case and convert the provisional rejection in the other application to a double patenting rejection. MPEP 822.01.

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Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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